

U.S. Soldiers from Bravo Company, 3rd Special Troop Battalion, 3rd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, and the 926th Engineer Brigade, survey a local water treatment facility near Forward Operating Base War Eagle, on Oct. 27, 2008. The survey of the facility was to assess its condition and to help the Iraqi government make it operational in the near future.



U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Robert Harden, Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, secures a courtyard, on Oct. 25, 2008. The 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, conducts patrols to stay in contact with the Iraqi leadership in and around Autel, Iraq.



Iraqi Lt. Col. Qais, from the Jamia branch of the Sons Of Iraq, writes down information as he speaks with U.S. Army 1st Lt. Anthony Calabro, an intelligence officer, with the 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, on Oct. 25, 2008. The 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, conducts patrols to stay in contact with the Iraqi leadership in and around Autel, Iraq.



U.S. Army Sgt. Allen Armstrong, of Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, survey's the streets while on patrol, from his gunner's turret, on Oct. 25, 2008. The first Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, conducts patrols to stay in contact with the Iraqi leadership in and around Autel, Iraq.



Iraqi Lt. Col Qais, from the Jamia branch of the Sons Of Iraq, listens to U.S. Army 1st Lt. Anthony Calabro, an intelligence officer of the 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, on Oct. 25, 2008. The 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, conducts patrols to stay in contact with the Iraqi leadership in and around Autel, Iraq.



U.S. Soldiers with Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, stand guard outside a meeting, on Oct. 25, 2008. The 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, conducts patrols to stay in contact with the Iraqi leadership in and around Autel, Iraq.



U.S. Soldiers, Spc. Alex Hegley (left) and Pfc. Vincent Thomas, of Delta Company, 52nd Infantry Regiment, provide security at the home of Sheik Abu Ikhlaas, on Oct. 24, 2008. Sheik Ikhlaas is hosting a Farewell/New Beginning Sphere of Influence Transition dinner where the 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment releases command to the 1-25 Stryker Brigade Combat Team.



U.S. Army Col. Burt Thompson, Brigade Commander of the 1-25 Stryker Brigade Combat Team (SBCT), shares a laugh at the home of Sheik Abu Ikhlaas, on Oct. 24, 2008. Col. Thompson is attending a Farewell/New Beginning Sphere of Influence Transition dinner at the home of Sheik Ikhlaas, where the 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment releases command to the 1-25 SBCT.



U.S. Army Lt. Col. Douglass Sims, of the 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment, presents a portrait of the unit to Sheik Abu Ikhlaas, on Oct. 24, 2008. Sheik Ikhlaas is hosting the Farewell/New Beginning Sphere of Influence Transition dinner at his home where the 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment releases command to the 1-25 Stryker Brigade Combat Team.



Governor of the Diyala Province, Ra'ad Rashed Mula Jwad prepares to cut the ribbon, at the opening of the new date processing plant in Abu Seda, Iraq, while talking to the media on, Oct. 27, 2008.



Governor of the Diyala Province, Ra'ad Rashed Mula Jwad, speaks to fellow Iraqis and the media at the opening of a new date processing plant, in Abu Seda, Iraq, on Oct. 27, 2008.



An Iraqi plant worker demonstrates how a new date plant machine works, on Oct. 27, 2008. The demonstration of the plant machine is part of the official opening of the Date plant facility in Abu Seda, Iraq.



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Iraqi soldiers from the 8th Iraqi Army, secure the area after dismounting during a patrol in Diwaniyah, Iraq, Oct. 27, 2008. The soldiers patrolled the surrounding areas to ensure signs and checkpoints are still standing.



A British soldier from Sea Squadron, 9th and 12th Lancers and Boat Troop, 32nd Engineer Regiment, all part of the Strike Battle Group, pulls security at Forward Operating Base Oxford in Basra, Iraq, prior to a reconnaissance operation mission on October 26, 2008.



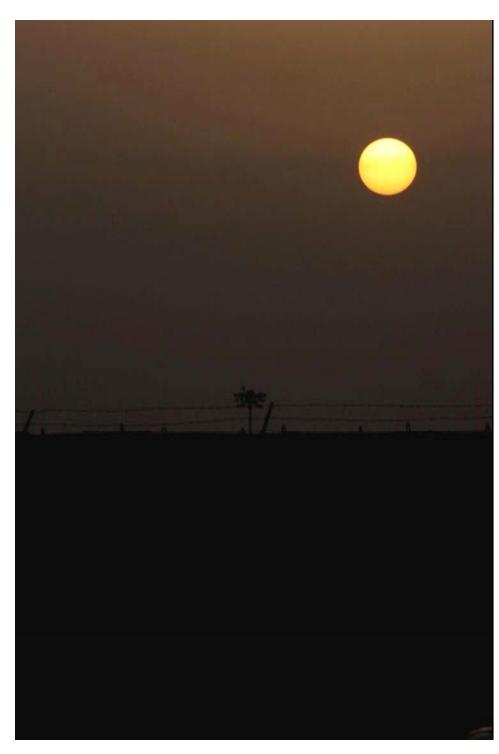
British soldiers from Sea Squadron, 9th and 12th Lancers and Boat Troop, 32nd Engineer Regiment, all part of the Strike Battle Group, relax and discuss the mission at Forward Operating Base Oxford in Basra, Iraq, prior to a reconnaissance operation mission on October 26, 2008.



British soldiers from 2nd Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment, "The Poachers", stand at the ready in a trench during the visit of His Royal Highness, The Duke of Gloucester, to Contingency Operating Base Basra, on Oct. 27, 2008, in Basra, Iraq.



A Royal Air Force gunner, kneels next to his machine gun, aboard an EH-101 Merlin helicopter, while on a flight over Basra, Iraq, on Oct. 27, 2008, in Basra, Iraq.



The sun sets over the barbed wired protecting the Division Headquarters of Contingency Operating Base Basra, on Oct. 27, 2008, in Basra, Iraq.

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Storm clouds move over Combat Outpost Mudaysis, located in the Jazirah Desert, Iraq ,as the sun sets on Oct. 12, 2008. Marines are stationed at Combat Outpost Mudaysis in support of the Operation Al Anbar Border Initiative.